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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H 307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Valley Center Municipal Water District Old Castle Road Phase 2 Pipeline Replacement Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Valley Center Municipal Water District (VCMWD), located at 29300 Valley Center Road, Valley Center, CA 92082.

The funding would be used to replace a 10,900 foot pipeline at end of service life, providing water to residents, businesses, agriculture, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and a disadvantaged community. The outdated pipelines to be replaced, which have suffered numerous failure events, serve 1/3 of VCMWD. This aging infrastructure threatens water quality, the environment, and even food – due to potentially contaminated water supplying farms as well as crop loss due to water outages.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacing aging infrastructure will avoid failures and dangerous leaks due to deterioration and prevent future environmental damage to water sources in Southern California.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting an important project.

Sincerely,

DARRELL ISSA Member of Congress